

## **Beaverton Police Department**

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## Police Unveil New Patrol Car Design

The Beaverton Police Department will introduce a new design for vehicles assigned to the Department's Patrol and Traffic Divisions. Over the last 10 months, members of the Department's Uniform Committee worked with the Chief's office and other members of the Department to develop a progressive design that also allowed for a connection to the Department's past.

The design highlights a change for vehicles purchased this year that will introduce black and white as the primary background colors. The Department's traditional blue will remain in the design as a background color behind the lettering "Beaverton Police" on both sides of the vehicles. The Beaverton Police Department officers are very proud of the men and women that have preceded us and the many decades of professional services to our community. Although we will continue to be progressive in our efforts as we move forward, we will never forget our rich past. The blue in our new design will serve as a reminder of our history.

The Beaverton Police Department has traditionally used patrol vehicles which were a combination of blue and white. However, with each passing year it became a challenge to maintain a uniform fleet of patrol cars due to variations in the color blue on vehicles being delivered and also as a result of changes in auto manufacturers. The introduction of black as a stock color will allow the Department to maintain a consistent image regardless of vehicle year and manufacturer. The current design will be phased out over time as older vehicles are removed from the fleet.

The new Dodge Charger and Chevrolet Tahoe can be seen for the first time in the Beaverton Celebration Parade on Saturday August 27, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

"This design addresses the challenges we faced, while still allowing us to maintain a part of our history. Saturday's unveiling culminates the efforts of many individuals over the past months and we look forward to introducing the new design to the community", commented Beaverton Chief Geoff Spalding.